

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims are set forth below. Cancelled and withdrawn claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (previously amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously added), (reinstated - formerly claim #), (previously reinstated), (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #) or, (previously re-presented).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer to display images on a display unit, the images being accessible by ~~an associated identifying information~~ uniform resource locators (URLs), the viewer comprising:

Q1 a definition management note to store a number of times of display of any image which has been accessed by an associated ~~unique identifying information~~ URL; and

an importance degree control unit to count a number of times of display of any image accessed by the ~~unique identifying information~~ associated URL, wherein the importance degree control unit outputs the number for storage by the definition management note,

wherein the definition management note stores a plurality of ~~identifying information~~ URLs that ~~is~~ are associated with ~~the image~~ a plurality of images, each of which respectively corresponds to ~~a plurality of~~ at least one threshold ~~values~~ value that ~~are~~ is associated with the image, and

wherein the importance degree control unit executes a process of setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the ~~unique identifying information~~ associated URL on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display of any image accessed by the ~~unique identifying information~~ associated URL exceeds one of the ~~plurality of~~ corresponding stored threshold ~~values~~ value associated with the image.

3. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of the threshold values stored in said definition management note have an associated displayable image as a counting object.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, ~~and each identifying information being a URL, wherein~~

wherein said definition management note defines an importance degree for each URL which has been accessed a number of times exceeding an associated threshold value, and

wherein said importance degree control unit executes a process corresponding to an importance degree mark for each URL having an associated importance degree.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, ~~and each identifying information being a URL, wherein~~

wherein an importance degree mark corresponding to an importance degree is defined for each URL stored in said definition management note, and

wherein said importance degree control unit selects processes for each of the importance degree marks depending on the number of times of display.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, ~~and each identifying information being a URL, wherein~~

wherein said importance degree mark is a program object ~~which that~~ notifies users that a number of times of display of associated Web pages is indicated by a density of color, or by enhancing characters or images being displayed within the associated Web page.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, ~~and each identifying information being a URL, wherein~~

wherein said importance degree control unit updates the counted number of times of display of a corresponding Web page before the Web page is displayed with the browser, and wherein said importance degree control unit executes a process designated by said importance degree mark on the basis of the counted number of times of display.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, ~~and each identifying information being a URL, wherein~~

wherein said importance degree control unit can add, change, and delete information in the definition management note relating to a Web page being displayed by said browser.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein said viewer is a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, ~~and said importance degree control unit counts URLs as the unique identifying information, said the~~ viewer further comprising:

an automatic registration control unit to register Web pages that have exceeded the stored threshold value to a bookmark.

10. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 9, wherein said automatic registration control unit is provided with a sorting function to rearrange a registration sequence of Web pages in the bookmark depending on the number of times of display.

11. (ORIGINAL) A viewer as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:
an automatic page generating unit to automatically generate Web pages from corresponding URLs registered in the bookmark.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein said viewer is a browser that displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, ~~and said importance degree control unit counts URLs as the identifying information, said the~~ viewer further comprising:

an automatic registration control unit to register Web pages that have been displayed greater than a threshold value to a bookmark.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A viewing method performed at a terminal for running a browser, using a the browser to display Web pages on a display unit of the terminal, the Web pages having associated URLs, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of threshold values for ~~each of~~ the associated URLs;

counting a number of times of display of a Web page accessed by an associated URL;

and

executing a particular process when the counted number of times exceeds one of threshold values associated with the URL, said particular process including setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the ~~unique identifying~~

~~information associated URL~~ on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display of the Web page exceeds the one of the threshold values.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The viewing method according to claim 13, wherein the particular process notifies users that the threshold value of a number of times of display has been exceeded through display in a Web page.

15. (ORIGINAL) The viewing method according to claim 14, wherein the counted number of times of display of a corresponding Web page is updated before the Web page is displayed with the browser.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A display method for displaying an image on a display unit, the image being accessible by an associated ~~unique identifying information~~ uniform resource locator (URL), the display method comprising:

storing a plurality of threshold numbers that are associated with the associated ~~unique identifying information~~ URL;

storing a number of times of display of ~~any the image which that~~ an the associated unique identifying information URL; and

counting a number of times of display of ~~any the~~ image accessed by the ~~unique~~ identifying information associated URL;

comparing the number of times of display of ~~an the~~ image accessed by the ~~unique~~ identifying information associated URL with a threshold number associated with the ~~unique~~ identifying information associated URL; and

setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the ~~unique identifying information~~ associated URL on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display of the image that has been accessed by the associated URL exceeds the threshold number.

91 17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The viewing method according to claim 16, wherein the counting counts a number of times of display of Web pages accessed with a browser via the Internet, ~~and wherein the unique identifying information is a URL, and the method~~ further comprising:

registering a Web page which has been displayed greater than the threshold number to a bookmark.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The viewing method according to claim 16, wherein said browser displays Web pages via the Internet, further comprising:

notifying users that a threshold value of a number of times of display has been exceeded through display in a Web page.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A browser to display a Web page on a display unit, the Web page being accessed via the Internet by an associated URL, the browser comprising:

a definition management note to store a number of times of display of any Web page which has been accessed by an associated URL, wherein the definition management note stores a plurality of URLs, each of which respectively corresponding to at least one that respectively correspond to a plurality of threshold values that are associated with each URL the Web page; and

an importance degree control unit to count a number of times of display of any Web page accessed by the associated URL, wherein said importance degree control unit outputs the number for storage by said definition management note,

91 wherein the importance degree control unit executes a process of setting an importance degree mark, which is to be displayed for the ~~unique identifying information~~ associated URL on the display unit, when the counted number of times of display of any Web page accessed by the associated URL exceeds one of the ~~plurality of~~ corresponding stored threshold values associated with the associated URL.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The browser according to claim 19, wherein said importance degree control unit executes a process of an importance degree mark when the counted number of times of display of any Web page accessed by ~~a~~ the associated URL exceeds ~~a one of the~~ corresponding stored threshold values.

21. (NEW) A process, performed by a browser or a terminal hosting the browser, to allow display of user-activatable indicia of a resource previously loaded by the browser or terminal that is identified by a corresponding Uniform Resource Locator (URL), the process comprising:

on an occurrence, accessing-and-displaying a resource identified by the corresponding URL, where the accessing-and-displaying is not a first time accessing-and-displaying a resource identified by the corresponding URL;

92 at a time later than the occurrence, when displaying a user-activatable indicia of the URL, displaying the user-activatable indicia of the URL with a first visual emphasis that is based on the prior occurrence of accessing-and-displaying the corresponding resource;

on an other occurrence that is later than the occurrence, accessing-and-displaying the same or another resource identified by the corresponding same URL; and

at a time later than the other occurrence, when displaying a user-activatable indicia of the URL, displaying the user-activatable indicia of the URL with a second visual emphasis that is based on the prior other occurrence of accessing-and-displaying the corresponding resource, where the second visual emphasis is different than the first visual emphasis.

22. (NEW) A process according to claim 21, further comprising:

on a further occurrence that is later than the other occurrence, accessing and displaying the same or another resource identified by the corresponding same URL; and

at a time later than the further occurrence, when displaying a user-activatable indicia of the URL, displaying the user-activatable indicia of the URL with a third visual emphasis that is based on the prior further occurrence of accessing or displaying the corresponding resource, where the third visual emphasis is different than the first and second visual emphases.

23. (NEW) A process according to claim 21, wherein the browser is adapted to load and display markup-language resources or documents and the resource identifiable by a corresponding URL comprises markup-language.

EN 24. (NEW) A volatile or nonvolatile computer-readable storage storing information for causing a computer to perform a process according to claim 21.

25. (NEW) A method of a browser displaying different user-activatable visual representations of a URL with increasing access-and-displays thereof by the browser, the method comprising:

automatically displaying different user-activatable visual representations of the URL with each of 3 or more different occurrences of accessing-and-displaying web data corresponding to the URL, where user selection of a user-activatable visual representation of the URL causes corresponding web data to be accessed-and-displayed by the browser, where the access-and-display occurrences follow one another with or without intervening other occurrences of accessing-and-displaying web data corresponding to the URL.

26. (NEW) A method according to claim 25, wherein the different user-activatable visual representations are chosen, generated, or changed for display by counting occurrences of accesses-and-displaying the resources that comprise web data corresponding to the URL.